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TAGS:AODE, ETRN, IT

SUBJECT:MODE - FAA STAFFING IN ITALY

REF: ROME 18426 (NOTAL)

1. REFTEL INDICATES EMBASSY IS WILLING TO CONSIDER MODEST EXPANSION IN FAA/ITALY, PROVIDED THERE IS CAREFUL INTERAGENCY ASSESSMENT IN WASHINGTON OF POSSIBILITIES FOR STREAMLINING FAA STAFFING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE EUROPEAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REGION. IN RECENT WEEKS DEPARTMENT HAS DISCUSSED SUCH POSSIBILITIES WITH FAA HEADQUARTERS AND WITH OMB. PROSPECTS NOW UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION COULD LEAD TO SOME REDUCTION IN OVERALL RESIDENT PERSONNEL LEVELS FOR THE REGION. CONSULTATIONS AMONG DEPARTMENT, OMB, AND FAA ON THIS MATTER ARE CONTINUING.

2. CHANGES BEING CONSIDERED DO NOT INCLUDE CONSOLIDATION OF FAA ROME UNIT WITH ELEMENTS AT FRANKFURT AS DISCUSSED IN REFTEL. IN FACT FAA HEADQUARTERS HAS SUBMITTED FORMAL MODE REQUEST TO INCREASE FAA ROME STAFFING BY TWO AMERICAN POSITIONS AND ONE FSL, TO COMPRISE A FLIGHT SAFETY GROUP. CHANGE WOULD RAISE FAA TOTAL IN ITALY TO 6 US, LI FN, WITH MODE POSITION OFFSETS COMING FROM FAA FLIGHT INSPECTION PROGRAM IN GERMANY. JUSTIFICATION FILED FOR THE

INCREASE PARALLELS TEXT OF FAA ROME LETTER QUOTED REFTEL.

- 3. GIVEN CIRCUMSTANCES OUTLINED PARA ONE ABOVE, AND PROVIDED EMBASSY ROME AGREES, THIS CONSTITUTES MODE SYSTEM APPROVAL FOR TRANSFER OF THREE FAA MODE POSITIONS FROM GERMANY TO ITALY. NEW SLOTS INTENDED FOR ROME ARE: CHIEF ADVISOR (CHIEF, FLIGHT SAFETY GROUP), GS-14; AVIATION SAFETY INSPECTOR (OPERATIONS), GS-13; SECRETARY (CLERICAL), FSL.
- 4. PLEASE ADVISE. VANCE

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